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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN 1974 EXCHANGE SUPPORT FUND

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CAMBODIAN 1974 ESF WITH WITTE OF DEVELOPMENT AID, MFA, LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL. WE ASKED TO HAVE MATTER PRESENTED TO DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTER PRONK AND OTHER RANKING OFFICIALS WITH EQUEST THAT GON BE REPRESENTED AT PRELIMINARY ESF MEETING NOVEMBER 15.

2. WITTE NOTED GON HAD REFUSED SIMILAR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY STRINGENCY AND FACT THAT DUTCH BILATERAL AID IS CHANNELED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO SELECTED "CONCENTRATION COUNTRIES". SUPPORT OF ESF IS FURTHER HANDICAPPED BY DUTCH DESIRE TO HANDLE DEVELOPMENT AID TO INDOCHINE ON MULTI-LATERAL BASIS. GON 1974 PROPOSED BUDGET IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO 30 MILLION GUILDERS FOR USE IN INDOCHINA, BESIDES 4 MILLION ALREADY EARMARKED FOR MEKONG COMMISSION. IN ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO INDOCHINA, GON MAY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO MEKONG COMMISSION AND ALSO WORK OUT BILATERAL
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AID SCHEME WITH NORTH VIETNAM, BUT DECISION ON THIS MATTER IS NOT

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EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE END OF NOVEMBER AT VERY EARLIEST.
(PRONK PLANS TRIP TO INDONESIA THIS MONTH. ON RETURN ON OR ABOUT
NOV 23, HE PLANS TO USE SEVERAL HOURS LAYOVER IN BANGKOK DISCUSSING
MEKONG COMMISSION WITH DUTCH REP IN SAME. THIS MAY INFLUENCE
DECISION RE USE OF BUDGET.)

3. SINCE GON DOES NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN ESF, IT DOES NOT
PLAN TO BE REPRESENTED AT PRELIMINARY MEETING NOV 15.
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